

## What Is CHIRP?

CHIRP stands for the <u>Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program</u>. It is our state's immunization registry that **permanently** stores immunization records in an electronic format. CHIRP has been around since 2002 and currently stores almost 60 million records for current and former Hoosiers.

There are many benefits to having your records stored in CHIRP. Having a record in CHIRP can prevent costly and unnecessary revaccination in the future. An individual, parent or guardian can access their own immunization records through the MyVaxIndiana patient portal at any time. To learn more about MyVaxIndiana, please talk with your healthcare provider or visit <a href="https://myvaxindiana.in.gov/">https://myvaxindiana.in.gov/</a>.

There is a new law in Indiana (IC 16-38-5-2) which requires all medical providers in the state of Indiana to submit vaccination records to CHIRP. It covers <u>all</u> vaccines that are administered to individuals less than 19 years of age. This new law goes into effect July 1, 2015.

Under this law, CHIRP is an "opt-out" program. This means your child's records will be sent to CHIRP without any action from you. The law also affords you several rights when it comes to your child's records:

- 1. You have the right to request that your own, or your child's, records be excluded from the registry at any time.
- 2. You have the right to permanently "opt-out" or be excluded from CHIRP

If you wish to exclude records from the registry, or to permanently "opt-out", you will need to complete and submit State Form 52308: Immunization Registry Data Exclusion Request. This form is available to you at your medical provider's office. You may also get this form through the CHIRP Helpdesk by calling 888-227-4439 or through email by sending an email to <a href="mailto:chirp@isdh.in.gov">chirp@isdh.in.gov</a>.